

Southside Middle School

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From The Principal's Desk

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Who can believe it is December already?? The crazy holiday season is upon us! Lots of activities are happening here at Southside this month as well. Our Student Council has captured the holiday spirit with community service projects for each grade level to be involved in. The sixth grade is collecting change in the Pasta for Pennies fundraiser for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. The seventh grade is holding a bake sale at Modell's Sporting Goods and hosting a teacher cookie baking contest to support Muscular Dystrophy. The eighth grade is collecting new toys for the Toys for Tots program. The Student Council will also be hosting a special winter assembly for all students to participate in at the end of the month. The National Junior Honor Society is collecting unwanted cell phones for recycling and the guidance department is sponsoring a nonperishable food drive from Dec. 1 – Dec.8 to support the New Hampshire Food Bank.

Our PSG has been busy selling Southside apparel, just in time for the holiday season. Order forms are going home with today's newsletter. Representatives from the PSG will be here next week taking orders during lunches. Our next PSG meeting will be held on Monday evening December 13 at 6:30pm. Since our group is growing, we will be meeting in the cafeteria instead of the office conference room. Please use the back door and park in the back school parking lot.

There will be no Southside Performing Arts Supports parent meeting this month, but our music department is busy preparing and hosting their winter concert series next week. Come and see our school's band, chorus, and orchestra performances at 7PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings Dec. 7th, 8th, and 9th in the gymnasium.

In November Southside held its first annual Bullying Prevention Week and I wanted to recognize the winners of our poster and essay contest. For the poster contest, the winner in grade 6 was Jessica Lazzar, and in grade 7, Abigail Morrison. For the essays, grade 6 winners were TJ Lillis and Emily Dion, and for grade 7, Damian Moore, and grade 8 Sarabeth Kimball. The winning entries are being displayed in the office.

Also going home this week is our third edition of our student involved school newspaper, The Southside Chronicle. Between the Chronicle and my newsletters you are sure to be kept up to date on school events.

Our PBIS Universal reward this month for all students who were discipline free in November will be Southside Swap much like a Yankee swap where students who have earned the reward will get to participate. It will be held on Dec. 16th.

Our basketball season has already begun. Our first games were held yesterday with the girls A & B team vs. Parkside as our first home game. You can see the entire basketball

schedule and list of student athletes in the school newspaper.

Our next newsletter goes out on December 17th! Have a great weekend!

Dates to Remember-December 8th Early Release Day December 7th Band Concert

7pm December 8th Chorus Concert 7pm December 9th Orchestra Concert 7pm December

13th PSG meeting 6:30pm December 23rd Last day before vacation week

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Principal